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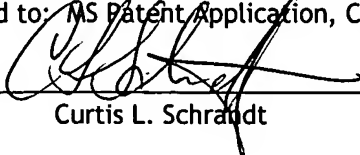
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Sir:

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ENCLOSED ARE:

- (1) Application Data Sheet;
- (2) Specification (pages 1-19), Claims (pages 20-26 / 25 claims) & Abstract (page 27);
- (3) Twelve (12) sheets of Drawings (Figs.1 through 11); and
- (4) Declaration and Power of Attorney.


Note: Small entity status applies to this application.

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| Total Claims                               | 25           | - 20 = 5 | x \$ 9.= \$ 45.00  | x \$ 18.= |                     |
| Indep. Claims                              | 5            | - 03 = 2 | x \$ 43.= \$ 86.00 | x \$ 86.= |                     |
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